

# TAFT GETS A SHOCK

North Carolina Judge Makes Demand for \$20.

## CLAIM HONORABLY SETTLED

Southerner Talks Over Anti-fat Remedies with Secretary of War. Gets Loan of Flaps for Ceremonies Attending Unveiling of Statue to Ensign Bagley at Raleigh.

Hon. William Russ, former mayor of Raleigh, N. C., and one of the biggest men in the country, called on Hon. William Howard Taft yesterday for the purpose of demanding an explanation, likewise, \$20. He got the explanation, but not the \$20.

To begin at the beginning, Judge Russ, as they call him all the way from Battery Park Hotel to Cape Hatteras, weighs in the neighborhood of 300 pounds; not the near neighborhood, but it is polite to put it that way. A more delicate expression would be that Judge Russ is on the shady side of 300. Judge Russ has been yearning to see Secretary Taft for several years. There was a natural feeling of nearness to a man who rivaled, if he did not excel, the judge's comprehensive girth of figure. More recently the judge's yearning has increased, and with the increase of yearning came a loss of that cordial admiration which he had acquired for Mr. Roosevelt's Secretary of War. It was in this state of mind that Judge Russ went to see Mr. Taft yesterday, accompanied by Senator Overman, of North Carolina.

Judge Russ had read in the newspapers that Secretary Taft was taking a course of treatment which was gradually reducing his superfluous avoirdupois. He was much interested. He had tried a few anti-fat remedies and had not found them successful, except for the manufacturers. But the Taft remedy seemed to be working toward the desired end, and the judge began to have faith in it.

### Calls for Frequent Bulletins.

His interest was so great that he requested Tom Pence, Zach McGhee, and other Washington correspondents of North Carolina papers to send frequent telegraphic reports to their journals of Mr. Taft's condition. These reports were all favorable. They did not end until it was recorded that Mr. Taft had lost fifty pounds and tipped the beam at 280.

It may be wondered why Judge Russ did not write to the Secretary of War for his weight-reducing prescription. The truth is that he had just about made up his mind to do so and was on the point of asking Joseph Daniels for a letter of introduction to Mr. Taft when a man dropped into Raleigh and set the star of hope glimmering before the eyes of Judge Russ. The man was a doctor of medicine, and his specialty was an anti-fat treatment that had been used successfully on several of the crowned heads of Europe and some prominent American statesmen. The doctor had heard of Judge Russ, the judge's fame as the fattest man in North Carolina has spread, and I have come to Raleigh especially to do you good," said the doctor. The doctor had just left Washington, where he had administered a course of treatment to Secretary Taft. In fact, Mr. Taft had heard of Judge Russ, and had suggested that the doctor try his skill on him. Yes, sir, the doctor was the very man who had reduced Taft's flesh. He had not only reduced Taft's weight from 347 to 287 pounds, and could have done better if the Secretary hadn't become alarmed over the size of his tailor bills.

### Judge Not in \$1,000 Class.

"He gave me \$1,000," said the doctor, modestly.

"I'm no \$1,000 man," said the ex-mayor, "but I certainly would like to try you." The doctor suggested a partial course for a smaller amount, and then, just out of pure philanthropy and love of science, agreed to give a first treatment for \$20. Of course, if the treatment wasn't successful the twenty could be returned, but the doctor was quite sure that Judge Russ would be only too willing to pay the full price after he had tried the thing for a while. So it was agreed that Judge Russ should take the first treatment. He handed over a \$20 bill to the doctor and received in return minute directions and sundry bottles of medicine. The nicest thing about it was that he wouldn't have to die. He could eat as much as he pleased. All the newspaper stories about Taft dieting were just fakes.

When Judge Russ called on Secretary Taft yesterday he was somewhat surprised to see how near him Mr. Taft was. It didn't put him in a better humor, "Mr. Secretary," he said right at the beginning, "you sent me a \$20 bill to me down in Raleigh, who got \$20 out of me." Mr. Taft's usually smiling countenance became serious.

"I don't understand you, sir," he said.

### Might Hand His Twenty Back.

"Well," said the judge, just a trifle flustered, but determined, as a matter of principle, to see the thing through; "that doctor who reduced your weight, and who came to me with a recommendation from you, didn't help me a bit. I'm a little sore about it, and I think you owe me an explanation and \$20, but I won't insist on the money."

Mr. Taft was amazed. Gradually, by skillful questioning, he brought out the story. And when he had heard it, he laughed one of those big, hearty laughs that can be heard all over the War Department building. Over his mirth had subsided, he explained gently that Judge Russ' doctor had never treated him, and that his weight hadn't been brought down to 287 pounds, but only to 280, as the newspapers had stated.

"He fooled me completely, sir," said Judge Russ. "He guaranteed to reduce me if he had reduced you. I declare to you, sir, that in seventeen days I gained forty pounds. I found myself beginning to eat like a pig. (Long pause to enable the Secretary to recover from a convulsion.) If I hadn't quit at the end of forty days, I wouldn't have been able to get in that door."

For a while Mr. Taft and Judge Russ swapped yarns about being fat, and then the judge said:

### Taft Imparts True Remedy.

"There's a way for you to repay that \$20, Mr. Secretary. We're going to have a big affair down in Raleigh when we dedicate the Bagley monument. I've got charge of it. The War Department has a lot of flags that will help us out in decorations if we can get them, and if you'll let me have the flags, I'll drop that little matter of the twenty and call it square."

"You shall have them," responded Mr. Taft. "But don't put any more trust in anti-fat medicines. The way to get thin is to eat only four ounces at each meal, work hard, and keep in good humor. Try that for a while and you'll be able to go to dances again."

"I reckon you haven't reached that point yet, Mr. Secretary," said the judge.

"Yes, I have," answered Mr. Taft. "I danced last Friday night at my reception of Gen. Kuroki and didn't get out of breath."

# YOUTHFUL ACTORS IN "THE LITTLE PRINCESS"



Miss Thelma Scrivener and Master Emory Bonini.

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which contained the souvenirs donated by numerous large business firms. Silver match boxes and handsome card cases were the pieces de resistance. Boxes of toilet soap were thrown in for the ladies. Two local detectives were present to see that nobody took an extra cake of soap.

### Boston Men Late.

The Boston delegation did not arrive until late last night. The registration continued until midnight, and will be concluded before the opening of the business session this morning at 10 o'clock. After the election, a buffet luncheon will be put out of commission at the New Willard, following which the delegates will call at the White House and shake hands with the President.

In the evening comes the big annual banquet. The ladies will have theirs at the New Willard and the men at the Raleigh. Soup for sexes is scheduled to be ladled at 8 o'clock. The ladies should have the best appetites, as they will have been bowled all over Washington in automobiles during the day, while the men will be tied up in the hotels and White House, where bowling is not so good for one.

## NOTES OF INN KEEPERS.

An object of much interest to the older men among the delegates was the large photograph hung in the Shoreham of the convention of 1887. There were many last night who remembered the familiar faces and figures of such of the old guard as Jim Breslin, of the Gileys; Theophilus E. Roessle, of the Arlington; Ashman, of the Ashman, and Merryfield, of the Continental.

W. H. Worth, chairman of the transportation committee, had charge of the Western contingent. The train was three hours late, and as the buffet car had only been outfitted for two ordinary trips things ran somewhat shy toward the close of the run. All the Westerners were happy, however, and said the dust was scarcely perceptible on the way down.

The New Yorkers came over under the protecting wing of E. M. Tierney, of the Marlborough. They had six cars and a perfectly lovely trip.

William H. Davis, of Riverbank Court, brought the Boston aggregation down. On the way down the bean train tripped over a couple of broad a's and its rate of progress was somewhat hampered, resulting in its ultimate arrival at an hour approximately fifty minutes beyond that previously announced by the railway officials. Of any other train it would have sufficed to have said "she was fifty minutes late."

The Baltimoreans, including the genial prospective president, Mr. Joyce, were marshaled by James P. A. O'Connor, of the Rennett. Mr. O'Connor says that he is not quite sure that the first terrapin was born in the Rennett, but that he knows the best one was.

One of the affecting reunions that brought tears to the eyes of many bystanders was that of John H. Langston, manager of the Hotel Belvidere in Baltimore, with James Beninger, of the Commercial in Dubuque, Pa. They were once in the newspaper business together—twenty-three years ago—at Bradford, Pa., and have never met since until Mr. Langston tripped over the brass rail last evening in his anxiety to grasp his old friend by the hand.

W. J. Warrington, of the New Belmont, at Atlantic City, came with the delegation from that famous resort, and is stopping at the Raleigh.

The dean of the gathering was A. R. Blakely, proprietor of the St. Charles at New Orleans. Mr. Blakely seemed to

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have more friends than any other one man present, and it was a slap on the back, a hand clasp, a warm, friendly greeting, every minute for him during the evening at the Shoreham.

One of the popular members of the Western delegation is A. L. Severance, of the Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, who, with his wife, is at the Shoreham. Frank Case, manager of the Algonquin, New York City, had a call at his room last evening from a bellboy, who informed him that his sister was waiting for him below. Mr. Case knew both his sisters were far away, but went to see his visitor any way. It turned out to be a hardy young woman, who wanted Mr. Case to pass her off as his sister at the President's reception this afternoon, as she had never been able to see Mr. Roosevelt at close range.

## BALTIMORE TO ENTERTAIN.

Hotel Men of City Will Spend \$20,000 on Their Colleagues.

Baltimore will welcome the hotel men upon their departure from Washington Friday morning. The hotel men of the Monumental City have planned a most extensive series of entertainments for the visiting brethren. It is said that an outlay of \$20,000 will hardly cover the expenses of the programme prepared by the Marylanders, which is as follows:

2:30 p. m.—Leave Washington, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, on special train provided by Baltimore hotel men.  
10:15 a. m.—Arrive at Mount Royal Station, Baltimore, where carriages will be waiting to convey them to their hotels. Carriages will wait at hotels until guests are assigned to rooms, and will then convey them to Pier 11, Light street (steamer Louisa).  
12 o'clock noon—Steamer Louisa leaves for Annapolis.  
2:30 p. m.—Arrive at Annapolis.  
3 p. m.—Reception by Gov. Warfield, of Maryland, at Statehouse.  
4 p. m.—Dinner by United States naval cadets and inspection of United States Naval Academy.  
6 p. m.—Dinner at Cavalry Hall.  
8 p. m.—Boat leaves for Baltimore. United States Naval Academy Band will furnish music on board boat to and from Annapolis. Special cars will be waiting to take guests to their hotels.

SATURDAY, MAY 13.  
10 a. m.—Automobile ride through a section of Baltimore and suburbs, stopping en route at Blenheim, the residence of William Lusk.  
12 noon—Boat leaves for Broadway for the Baltimore Yacht Club, where a Maryland crab feast will be served.  
2 p. m.—Boat leaves for city, where special cars will be waiting to convey guests to the famous Lexington Hotel.  
7:30 p. m.—Complimentary banquet at Hotel Rennett tendered the members of the Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit Association by the Baltimore hotel men.

SUNDAY, MAY 13.  
9:30 a. m.—Steamer Georgia leaves Bay Line pier, Light street, for Norfolk. Transportation, entertainment, etc., on board the Georgia to Norfolk furnished by Baltimore hotel men.

## MILLIONS FOR CUBAN ROADS.

Gov. Magoon to Begin Extensive Highway Improvements.

Official notification has reached the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department from Provisional Governor Magoon, of Cuba, to the effect that he is about to expend the sum of \$4,000,000 of Cuban money in the construction of roads and highways in that island. Under the American administration of Cuban affairs the income of the island has exceeded the expenditures by about \$600,000 a month more than was the case under the administration of President Palma. There is now about \$16,000,000 in the treasury.

## VALDEZ DISMISSAL STANDS.

Secretary Metcalf Says Spanish Instructor at Annapolis Must Go.

The appeal of Garcia Valdez, Spanish instructor at the Naval Academy, against the order dismissing him from his position has been overruled by Secretary of the Navy Metcalf.

Valdez claimed that his dismissal was the result of political persecutions dating from his experiences in the Philippines, where he conducted a newspaper and was convicted of libel. After investigating the records in the case Secretary Metcalf decided that he could not continue Valdez in the service.

## Soda Fountain in Place.

Mr. Henry Evans, the well-known F street druggist, has made some extensive improvements in his establishment.

The old soda fountain has been removed and a new one, equipped with all the newest and modern sanitary appliances, put in its place. This fountain was built according to Mr. Evans' own ideas, and is said to be one of the finest in Washington. At night it is illuminated with electric lights. The ice cream and double distilled soda water used are manufactured on the premises and served with pure crushed fruit. Several courteous clerks who know how to serve soda water are in attendance.

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# TOTS MAKE BIG HIT

Youthful Dancers Delight Audience at National

## IN THE LITTLE PRINCESS

Gorgeous Spectacle Presented by the Pupils of Miss Shreve—Opera in Terpsichorean Exhibitions—Scene Effects on a Pretentious Scale.

The graceful art of terpsichore held full carnival at the National Theater last night, and many of the young masters and misses who paid homage to the shrine of the goddess proved themselves such adepts that they might well have put to shame many of the professionals who have been seen on local boards during the present season.

"The Little Princess," which is the title of Miss Shreve's spectacle this season, is a most pretentious offering in the matter of costumes and scenic effects, and is a charming opera, serving as a glittering background for the many dancing specialties introduced. Miss Shreve's dancing class is a large one, and the array of acts on the programme fairly bewildering. Of these, so many were pleasing, and all so strikingly individual, that one is constrained to call them all excellent.

Each and every effort by the youthful performers caused the spectator genuine wonder at the abundance of talent displayed at such tender years—the average age of the class cannot be more than twelve—and the sincere admiration for the guiding genius that brought it forth to shine so brightly.

### Plenty of Material.

It is practically evident that Miss Shreve has no intention of allowing the visible supply of premieres danseuses to decrease, and so long as her school turns out young ladies and gentlemen who can sing and dance as well as those on the programme last night, there can be no dearth of musical comedy material in the rising generation.

Dances of all nations were exploited. Spanish dances, Highland flings, dances of butterflies and of flowers, Teddy bear dances, skating dances, hornpipes, dances of dewdrops, of pages, and of wood nymphs, the Cherry Dance, too, dances, and fancy dances of every known description. Dancing was the order from curtain-rise until a late hour.

Miss Myra Summers appeared in an extremely fetching Spanish dance, and La Petite Alma as specialty toe dancer. Miss Selma Selinger, who sang two songs and also danced with the pony ballet, proved decidedly at home on the stage, and won a great deal of applause for her clever versatility. The pony ballet was also a pronounced hit, particularly in the cherry dance. San Antonio, a cowboy song and dance by Ruby Raymond and Alma Nelson, was an attractive feature.

### Teddy Bear Dance a Hit.

Master Pete Becker's singing from an upper stage box was an interesting incident, and the dance of the two little Teddy bears, Warren Stoll and Rodney Richardson, quite captivated the audience.

The cast of the operetta was composed as follows:

Queen of May.....Miss Jewell Ansel  
Princess Hopeful.....Miss Elsie Carpenter  
King of Spain.....Miss Helen Bennett  
Queen of Spain.....Miss Madeline Smithson  
Messenger from Fairy Land (Queen)  
Queen of the Fairies.....Miss Adrienne Stevens  
Princess of Fairy Land.....Miss Fredericka Stevens  
Queen of the Fairies.....Miss Henrietta Berens  
PAGES—  
Master Emory Bonini, Clifford White, Fredericka Stevens, Edwin Schuler, Edward French, Warren Stoll, Rodney Richardson, Bennett Giddings, Michael J. Lyons, W. Connors, Douglas McFarland Crow, John Parquhar, Theodore Marks, Eugene Potter.

### CUPIDS.

Little Miss Ella Smithson, Rose Lambiale, and Genevieve Stevens.

### DEW DROPS.

Misses Margaret Meyer, Glad Bagan, Thelma Christine Crow, Mildred Ellis, Marguerite Heard, Mildred Jones, Mildred Raymond, Genevieve Stevens, Blanche Smith, Thelma Smith, Thelma Stevens, Mildred Stoll, Dorothy Wills, Dorothy Margaret White, Hermine Ellis, Dorothy Knapp, Leona Callan, Louise Potter.

### PONY BALLET.

Misses Selma Selinger, Edna Callad, Gertrude Barnes, Pauline Ford, Selma Perkins, Mary Martin, Luez Gilbert, Hazel Bornheim.

### DANCING GIRLS.

Misses Ruby Raymond, Mamie Schuyler, Bertha Gertz, Edna Meyer, Gladys Kain, Mildred Farrell, Fay Smithers.

### Members of the Chorus.

The members of the chorus and class of 1907 consists of Misses Jane Angel, Rebecca Applestein, Josephine Aldrich, Dorothy and Ethel Boyd, Gladys and Mary Barrow, Mildred Berens, Rhea and Blanche Bergman, Mona and Louise Crowe, Nellie Donaldson, Margaret Donovan, Julia Denham, Mary Helen Duffy, Channing Davis, Dorothy Ettinger, Robert Ehrlich, Margaret Ellwood, Marie Gordon, Helen Gould, Ida Gannon, Estelle Hellman, Gladys Hereford, Katherine and Helen Howard, Ethelwyn Johnson, Katherine Koonen, Olive King, Ethel King, Rosa Krick, Nelson Kaser, John Karl, Gertrude Knapp, Marie Knapp, Earl and Norman Leese, Howell Levi, Marie Lucas, Henriette and Morrell Lemminger, Emma Langley, Olivia Lipschitz, May, Marguerite, and Loretto Lyons, Katharine Lappin, Ethel Mangum, Mary Marquels, Louise Meyer, Maud Maxwell, Helen Murray, Mildred Norwood, Lillian Nicholl, Rose Nelson, Rose Pelzman, Blanche and Hugh Ramsauer, Marie Reagan, Marie Shaw, Sterling Scott, Estelle Spindler, Mildred Stern, Anna Subler, Gertrude and Louise Smith, Thelma Scribner, Annie Sinnott, Edith and Elizabeth Townsend, Constance Walton, Elizabeth Walton, Dorothy Whitte, Margaret White, and Fannie Whitson.

The orchestra was under the direction of Prof. Harry Wheaton Howard, who composed the songs and libretto of the operetta. Mr. Morgan Sherwood, of the National Theater, officiated as stage manager, and it was due to him, no doubt, that the performance passed through with almost perfect smoothness.

"The Little Princess" will be repeated to-night and to-morrow evening.

### Olympia to Be Training Ship.

The cruiser Olympia, which was Admiral Dewey's flagship at Manila, has been ordered into commission at the Norfolk yard about May 15. The cruiser will be used as a practice ship for naval cadets on their summer cruise. The Olympia has been out of commission for nearly two years. She will never again be put to any important sea duty.

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## SANDERS STILL HOLDS JOB.

Continues to Act as Collector of Internal Revenue.

Archle Sanders is still serving as United States collector of internal revenue for the Western district of New York. The resignation of Mr. Sanders was called for several weeks ago, and was tendered with a promptness gratifying to the administration. Since the virtual refusal of Gov. Hughes to accept President Roosevelt's advances toward strengthening the governor in New York through the appointment of Federal officials in that State who are known to have the governor's interests at heart, there has been an indifference in the White House and in the Treasury Department to having Mr. Sanders relinquish his Federal position by appointing a man to succeed him. The selection of the new collector is in the hands of Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou. Mr. Cortelyou maintains a very reserved attitude when questioned on the subject.

According to the gossip here, the administration is waiting to get some word from Albany which may bring about a better state of affairs in Washington with reference to Gov. Hughes. If this gossip is to be believed, the Roosevelt administration is hoping to hear that the governor would appreciate it greatly if one of his friends were appointed collector for the Western district. But no sign has come from Mr. Hughes.

FATHER AND SON FIGHT.  
Bernard E. Brady, Jr., injured in Quarrel with Parent.  
Bernard E. Brady, fifty-six years old, and his son, Bernard E. Brady, Jr., were arrested last evening about 7:30 o'clock for engaging in a fight in front of their home, 2622 Brightwood avenue northwest. When taken to the Tenth precinct it was discovered that young Brady was suffering from a severe blow over the ear, which caused a bad wound. He was removed to Freedmen's Hospital in the patrol wagon.

According to the story told the police, Brady, junior, who has been drinking rather heavily, came to his home and attempted to raise a disturbance. His father repulsed him, and during the altercation hit his son a heavy blow with a cane which he was carrying. When taken to the hospital Brady was delirious and later became unconscious, but the authorities of the institution stated that his condition was due more to the effects of the liquor which he had been imbibing than anything else.

## CONFERENCE ON OKLAHOMA TO-DAY.

Republican Leaders to Take Up Question with President.

Several influential Republicans are gathering here for a conference over Oklahoma. Leaders of that party in the Southwest are determined to keep the new State out of the Union until after the next Presidential election, and they claim President Roosevelt will give the necessary aid by refusing to approve the constitution. Gov. Franz, of Oklahoma, arrived yesterday, and Senator Curtis, of Kansas, is also here. He has been through Oklahoma recently, at the suggestion of the chief spirits in the plan. Republican Congressional Chairman Sherman, of New York, and half a dozen others are either here or will be in time to participate in the conference.

The grounds on which the President will be urged to take action is the kerry-mander of legislative districts. Democrats say their gerrymander is no worse than legislative gerrymanders in Illinois, Missouri, and half a dozen other Western States. The prospect is for a very lively fight, which may assume the proportions of a national issue.

## NEGRO WITH PRIZE MEMORY.

Caller at the Columbia Does Star Act Identifying Faces of Patrons.

To be able to remember hundreds of faces and the numbers of the vehicles in which they arrived is the remarkable feat accomplished by George S. Adams, caller at the Columbia Theater, every night during the theatrical season. For nine years Adams, who is colored, has performed his duties regularly. He knows all of the dignitaries at a glance, and on this account is frequently called in to assist in calling the carriages at the big receptions and entertainments at the White House.

Whether 100 or 200 different carriages leave parties at the Columbia, Adams never uses anything but his memory. Owing to the training of years, he is able to call the carriage of each of the patrons without hesitation. It frequently happens that people go to the theater whom he has never seen before. This being the case, he remembers the face and the number of the carriage. When the man appears in the number of the vehicle flashes instantly across Adams' mind.

## Cavalry at Target Practice.

Annapolis, Md., May 12.—Troops G and H of the Thirteenth Cavalry, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Myer, arrived to-day and will spend three weeks in carbine and revolver practice at the Naval Academy range. The detachment is commanded by Capt. Thomas Corcoran.

## Morris Schneider, of New York, Succumbs to Heart Failure.

Morris Schneider, of New York, an attorney, dropped dead in a local restaurant yesterday from a stroke of heart disease. Schneider came to Washington Sunday night and registered at the National Hotel. Early yesterday morning he visited the law offices of William H. Ebbard, an attorney of this city, and later went to the Interior Department in connection with a case pending in the Indian Territory. After leaving the department he walked to the restaurant for lunch.

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## BUILDERS GO ON STRIKE.

Bricklayers, Tile Roofers, Metal Workers, and Lathers Called Out.

With talk on all sides of an early settlement, conditions in the building trades are becoming more unsettled every day. Yesterday all the bricklayers, the roofers, metal workers, and metal lathers employed on the row of houses on Park road being erected by the firm of Middaugh & Shannon were called out on strike by the executive committee of the building trades. It is claimed that not only non-union plumbers, but non-union carpenters and painters were working on this job. A vigorous campaign is being planned, it is understood, and more strikes or walkouts may be expected to-day.

It is said, on the other hand, that the master builders, building contractors, and material men are also prepared to take drastic action, and will, it is said, if a settlement is not reached in the near future, look out all the building trades mechanics in the city. This would be done, it is said, by the supply men cutting off all building supplies, and necessarily stopping all work. The building trades men meet this with the assertion that it would be more a step in favor of themselves than the master builders, as one of the reasons actuating it is the affected credit of some of the masters.

The same programme was followed in the strike yesterday as in the previous ones. This evening the board of governors of the Building Contractors' Association will meet in the master builders' hall, and the Building Trades will meet in their hall at the corner of Third street and Pennsylvania avenue.

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